GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some pesticides have been banned in the country and some others have been kept in the `review` list;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain pesticides are being sold in the market despite and said ban;

(d) if so, the action being taken by the Government against such companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Twenty five insecticides and their formulations and four insecticide formulations are banned for import, manufacture and use in the country. In addition, two insecticides have been banned for use in the country except their manufacture for export. Restriction has been imposed on use of nine insecticides. The list of insecticides banned and restricted is given at Annexure.

The usage of thirty seven pesticides has been reviewed recently by an Expert Group, constituted by the Registration Committee, under the Insecticides Act, 1968. The recommendations of an Expert Group regarding twenty one pesticides have been accepted by the Government. Consequently, the use of Fenthion is banned in agriculture except for locust control in scheduled desert area and public health and the use of Diazinon has been banned in agriculture except for household purposes. The use of Metoxuron has also been withdrawn. The recommendations regarding remaining pesticides are under consideration of the Government.

(c): The Government does not have any report regarding sale of banned pesticides.

(d): Does not arise.